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Light on Wallenberg Case

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True to its new "nationalist" facade -- and with an obvious side-glance at the forthcoming election -- even Communist Ny Dag joined the press chorus after Nikita Khrushchev's visit to Sweden deploring the stubborn Soviet refusal to supply any further information on the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. At the same time, Ny Dag sought to minimize the impact of the Wallenberg affair by discrediting publicity on the matter as being inspired by elements hostile to the Soviet Union and to the Social Democrats.

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Ny Dag wrote/June 30, in part:

"On street posters and front pages a very large section of the Swedish press based its evaluation of the joint communique from the Soviet Government visit on the negative response in the Raoul Wallenberg affair. This question obviously was found to be more essential than, for example, the strong positive appreciation of the Swedish policy of neutrality as voiced by the Soviets in the communique.

"Considerations of different kinds may have prompted this headline accent and the subsequent commentaries. It is felt in many quarters that the question about the fate of the Swedish diplomat has come to be such a morally binding issue as to give it very high priority. Other quarters simply believe that Raoul Wallenberg is the best weapon for a two-fold purpose: to seek to deteriorate relations between Sweden and the Soviet Union, as well as to seek to defeat the Social Democrats in the fall election. No one need doubt that Expressen belongs to the latter category. ...

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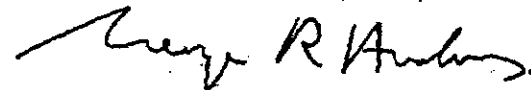
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"It is regrettable that Expressen and other newspapers having the same objective are supplied with material for their campaign. It would have been desirable if the Soviet Union had shown better understanding of the fact that it is not only people using Expressen as their mouthpiece who in this country feel that more ought to be said about the investigations concerning the fate of Raoul Wallenberg.

"The decisive thing here, of course, is not regard for the propaganda conducted by anti-Soviet quarters but the purely humanitarian aspect -- regard for family and friends. Even if the Soviet Government holds to its earlier stand and has nothing to add over and beyond the notation in a prison register concerning Wallenberg's death in 1947, a more exhaustive explanation -- like what was now done in the "Bengt Sture" case -- would be fitting. The continued investigations should also be accounted for. The more material made public the more convincing will be the stand taken.

"No party seriously interested in a further improvement in Swedish-Soviet relations is served by the campaign now in progress in the Raoul Wallenberg affair being allowed to continue on the basis of intimations and unconfirmed allegations."

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